

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-2, and 4-8 as follows. Please cancel claim 3. Please add new claims 9-12 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for depositing a credit on an account associated to a terminal subscribed to a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:~~

interacting (1) between the terminal and a network entity with a user terminal subscribed to a communication network, wherein said interacting yields an indication of at least whether a credit is to be deposited on ~~said an~~ account associated to said user terminal, an amount of credit to be deposited, and a source of the deposit; and

requesting (2) from said network entity to said source of the deposit[[,]] to deposit said amount of credit on ~~an~~ said account associated to said user terminal,

wherein said requesting is based on the DIAMETER protocol;

wherein said requesting comprises generating a DIAMETER request message identifying the request as a request for depositing an amount to an account, and

wherein said generated DIAMETER request message further comprises an attribute value pair identifying the user terminal to an associated account of which the deposit is to be deposited.

2. (Currently Amended) A-The method according to claim 1, wherein said interacting is based on a value-added multimedia application run on a multimedia application server provided in said communication network.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A-The method according to claim-31, wherein said generated DIAMETER request message further ~~includes~~ comprises:

~~an attribute value pair identifying the terminal to an associated account of which the deposit is to be deposited,~~

an attribute value pair identifying said source of the deposit; and

an attribute value pair identifying the amount of said deposit.

5. (Currently Amended) A-The method according to claim 4, wherein

the DIAMETER request message is routed ~~from said network entity~~ to said source based on said attribute value pair identifying said source of the deposit.

6-~~(Currently Amended)~~ A-The method according to claim 1, further comprising-a ~~step of~~

acknowledging-~~(3-)~~, by said source, whether said request was successful or not-to ~~said requesting network entity~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method according to claim 6, further comprising a step of

depositing said amount to said account associated to said user terminal upon receiving an acknowledgment indicating success.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method according to claim 7, further comprising a step of informing (4-) said user terminal of the amount being deposited to an account associated to said user terminal.

9. (New) A network element comprising:

an interaction unit configured to interact with a user terminal subscribed to a communication network, wherein said interaction unit is further configured to yield an indication of at least whether a credit is to be deposited on an account associated to said user terminal, an amount of credit to be deposited, and a source of the deposit; and

a requesting unit configured to request said source of the deposit to deposit said amount of credit on said account associated to said user terminal,

wherein said request is based on the DIAMETER protocol,

wherein said requesting unit is further configured to generate a DIAMETER request message identifying the request as a request for depositing an amount to an account, and

wherein said generated DIAMETER request message further comprises an attribute value pair identifying the user terminal to an associated account of which the deposit is to be deposited.

10. (New) An account server comprising:

a receiving unit configured to receive a request message from a network entity to deposit an amount of credit on an account associated to a user terminal subscribed to a communication network,

wherein said request message is based on the DIAMETER protocol,

wherein said DIAMETER request message identifies the request as a request for depositing an amount to an account, and

wherein said received DIAMETER request message further comprises an attribute value pair identifying the user terminal to an associated account of which the deposit is to be deposited; and

a depositing unit configured to deposit the amount of credit on the account associated to said user terminal.

11. (New) A network element comprising:

interaction means for interacting with a user terminal subscribed to a communication network, wherein said interacting yields an indication of at least whether

a credit is to be deposited on an account associated to said user terminal, an amount of credit to be deposited, and a source of the deposit; and

requesting means for requesting said source of the deposit to deposit said amount of credit on said account associated to said user terminal,

wherein said request is based on the DIAMETER protocol,

wherein said requesting comprises generating a DIAMETER request message identifying the request as a request for depositing an amount to an account, and

wherein said generated DIAMETER request message further comprises an attribute value pair identifying the user terminal to an associated account of which the deposit is to be deposited.

12. (New) An account server comprising:

receiving means for receiving a request message from a network entity to deposit an amount of credit on an account associated to a user terminal subscribed to a communication network,

wherein said request message is based on the DIAMETER protocol,

wherein said DIAMETER request message identifies the request as a request for depositing an amount to an account, and

wherein said received DIAMETER request message further comprises an attribute value pair identifying the user terminal to an associated account of which the deposit is to be deposited; and

depositing means for depositing the amount of credit on the account associated to said user terminal.